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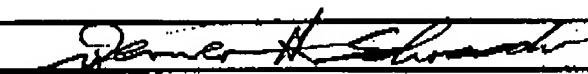
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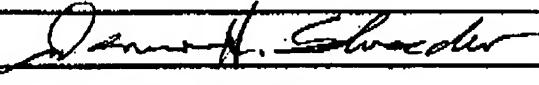
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Response to a second requirement for Restriction

Application No. 10/613,946

This communication is a response to a second requirement for an election of species. The requirement for an election of species has a mailing date of 11/21/2005 and sets forth a shortened statutory period for response of one month which would expire on 12/21/2005.

In making the original election, the applicant was confused whether to elect one group with of all the species therein or whether to elect one species from each group.

Group I is a means for fastening a rain cover at peripheral points;

Group II is a connection at a bottom of the umbrella to another structure.

A telephone call was placed to the examiner Winnie S. Yip in charge of this application to clear up the above noted confusion. The Examiner was most helpful in this matter and the new election of species will follow below.

Applicant hereby elects:

Group I including Fig. 1 and Fig. 2A and the claims 1 and 4 reading thereon and
Group II including Figs 1 and 4 including claims 1 and 9 - 11 as reading thereon.
Claim 1 is generic to each of the groups and should be examined therewith.

If any issues remain in this regard, the examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (239) 592-5843.



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